GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OPERATION OF CARGO FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the airline sector of the country are reducing the cargo carrying capacity in their flights to various countries and plans to operate separate cargo flights; and

(b): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): All flights of National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) carry commercial cargo and there is no reduction in the cargo capacity. At present, NACIL`s two Airbus A310 and 2B737 aircraft have undergone full-cargo conversion and are operating dedicated cargo flights to France, Germany and Saudi Arabia. NACIL also proposes to convert 6 more B737s and 2 more A310s into freighters. It is also proposed to convert the six B747-400 aircraft into freighters in due course in a phased manner. Further, private scheduled airlines viz. Jet Airways and JetLite are operating scheduled international services and are utilising their available cargo capacity.